

REMARKS

Claims 1-39 are pending in the instant application, including independent claim sets 1-12, 13-24, 25-29, 30-32, and 33-39. Claims 1-12 are allowed, claims 14-17, 19-22, 24, 26-29, 31, 32, 34-37, and 39 are objected to but include allowable subject matter, and claims 13, 18, 23, 25, 30, 33, and 38 are rejected. Applicant places the instant application in condition for allowance by incorporating allowable subject matter into each rejected independent claim.

Specifically, Applicant wholly incorporates allowable claim 14 into claim 13, placing claims 13 and 15-24 in condition for immediate allowance. In keeping with this change, Applicant cancels claim 14 herein.

Applicant also wholly incorporates allowable claim 26 into claim 25, placing claims 25 and 26-29 in condition for immediate allowance. In keeping with this change, Applicant cancels claim 26 herein.

Applicant also wholly incorporates allowable claim 31 into claim 30, placing claims 30 and 32 in condition for immediate allowance. In keeping with this change, Applicant cancels claim 31 herein.

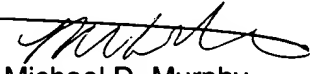
Applicant also wholly incorporates allowable claim 34 into claim 33, placing claims 33 and 35-39 in condition for immediate allowance. In keeping with this change, Applicant cancels claim 34 herein. Note, too, that Applicant corrected the dependency of claim 36 to correctly reflect its dependency from claim 33.

With the above changes, all remaining claims stand in condition for immediate allowance and applicant looks forward to an indication as such by the examiner.



Respectfully submitted,

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